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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKETING COMMITTEES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) at present in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total inputs/arrivals of farm produce of these Committees alongwith the total market fees levied by these APMCs, during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether certain States have changed their APMC Acts and published them in official gazettes as suggested by the S.L. Guru Expert Committee on strengthening and developing of Agricultural Marketing;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): There are 2170 Agriculture Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) at present in the country as reported by the different States/Union Territories Government. The State-wise information is given at Annexure-I.

(b): The total inputs/arrivals of farm produce of these Committees alongwith the total market fees levied by these APMCs during the last three years as received from different States/UTs are given at Annexure-II.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. As per available information, the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Orissa, Rajasthan, Punjab, Sikkim and Tripura have amended their Agricultural Produce Marketing Regulation (APMR) Acts and notified in Official Gazzettes, on the basis of the model APMR Act circulated by the Central Government, which was prepared in consultation with the State Governments after taking into consideration the recommendations of Shri S.L.Guru Expert Committee.The Act of Punjab is applicable in the UT of Chandigarh also. The State Government of Tamil Nadu has decided not to amend their Act as already provide for required arrangements relating to market reforms.The State Government of Bihar has repealed their APMC Act w.e.f. 1.9.2006. The State Governments of Haryana, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Union Territories of NCT of Delhi & Puducheri are also in the process of implementing the required amendments in their Acts. The States/UTs of Kerala, Manipur, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu and Lakshadweep have no APMR Acts.